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For: CHECK FOR FINGERPRINTS      )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified Application, filed concurrently herewith, as indicated.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly replace Claims 4 to 11, 15 and 16, and add new Claims 17 to 20, as follows.

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 2, further comprising the step of, if the location of the recorded fingerprint on the sensor and the location of the previously recorded fingerprint essentially correspond, considering the recorded fingerprint as originating from a latent fingerprint.

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 3, wherein the previously recorded fingerprint is the immediately preceding fingerprint which was considered as originating from a finger placed on the sensor